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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1031

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. STILLMAN of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF LEGALIZED GAMBLING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-564 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The executive director shall make an annual report in writing to
4 the Governor as provided in section 4-60 and shall make such
5 additional reports as the Governor may from time to time reasonably
6 request. The annual report shall include a statement of the receipts and
7 disbursements of the division, a statement of the costs of administering
8 the division, a summary of its activities, and any additional
9 information and recommendations which the executive director may
10 deem of value or which the Governor may request.

11 (b) The executive director shall, with the advice and consent of the
12 board, conduct studies concerning the effect of legalized gambling on
13 the citizens of this state including, but not limited to, studies to

14 determine the types of gambling activity engaged in by the public and
15 the desirability of expanding, maintaining or reducing the amount of
16 legalized gambling permitted in this state. Such studies shall be
17 conducted as often as the executive director deems necessary, except
18 that [no studies shall be conducted before the fiscal year ending June
19 30, 2009] a study shall be commenced not later than June 1, 2007, and
20 such study shall be completed not later than January 1, 2009, and
21 thereafter studies shall be conducted at least once every ten years. The
22 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
23 of matters relating to legalized gambling shall each receive a report
24 concerning each study carried out, stating the findings of the study
25 and the costs of conducting the study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	12-564
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PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Spec. Revenue, Div. of	GF - Cost	350,000	350,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Division of Special Revenue (DSR) to conduct a study on the effect of legalized gambling to the state of Connecticut starting by June 1, 2007 and complete it by January 1, 2009. This study is estimated to cost DSR \$350,000 in FY 08 and \$350,000 in FY 09. The last study of the effect of legalized gambling on the State of Connecticut occurred in FY 97.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact of the bill constitutes a one time cost to DSR.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1031*****AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF LEGALIZED GAMBLING.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Division of Special Revenue (DSR) to start its required gambling impact study by June 1, 2007 and complete it by January 1, 2009. Current law bars DSR from conducting any study before FY 09. It must conduct subsequent studies at least every 10 years or more frequently as the DSR executive director deems necessary.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Gambling Impact Study***

PA 05-3, June 2005 Special Session, barred DSR from conducting its required gambling impact study (which was due in 2007) before FY 09. But the act did not set a deadline for conducting the study. Thus, it postponed the study indefinitely.

The last study was conducted in June 1997.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 0 (02/27/2007)